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March 6, 2015

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Sangdong Kwon, General Manager
StarKist Samoa, Inc.
P.O. Box 368
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

RE: Clean Water Act Section 308 Information Request (CWA-308-9-15-003)

Dear Mr. Kwon:

I am writing today to request information from StarKist Samoa, Inc. (StarKist), regarding operations at its tuna processing facility in American Samoa (Facility), authorized to discharge wastewater under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. AS0000019. In particular, this request seeks information regarding discharges into inner Pago Pago Harbor from the Facility's outfall. Today's request for information is directed to you, as the General Manager of the Facility, pursuant to section 308(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a), which authorizes EPA to require persons subject to the Act to furnish information, conduct monitoring, provide entry to the Administrator or authorized representatives, and make reports as may be necessary to carry out the objectives of the CWA.

EPA seeks your responses to the questions listed in Attachment 1. Please read the instructions and questions in the attachment carefully before preparing your response. Your response to this Information Request must be submitted via electronic mail within the timeframes provided in Attachment 1.

Please include in each of your responses the following certification signed by you, your responsible corporate officer, or duly authorized representative:

I certify under penalty of law that this submission was prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of those who manage the system or are directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations under the Clean Water Act and 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Failure to comply with this Information Request can result in enforcement action for appropriate relief and penalties under section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319. Compliance with this Information Request does not relieve you of your obligation to comply with the CWA or other applicable laws and permits.

You cannot withhold from EPA what you may consider to be confidential business information. However, you have the discretion to assert, at the time of submission, a claim of business confidentiality for part or all of the requested information by following the requirements at 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). EPA will not disclose any information covered by such a claim except as authorized by 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If no claim of business confidentiality is received with your submission, EPA may make the information available to the public without further notice to you. All confidentiality claims are subject to EPA verification.

This Information Request is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act because it is directed to fewer than ten persons and is therefore not a "collection of information" under 44 U.S.C. § 3502(3). It is also an exempt activity under 44 U.S.C. § 3518(c) and 5 C.F.R. § 1320.4.

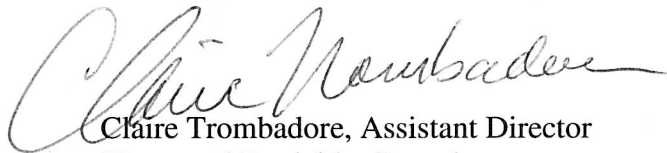
Please submit your responses to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
CWA Compliance Office (ENF-3-1)
Attention: Kristine Karlson
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

karlson.kristine@epa.gov

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact Kristine Karlson of my staff at (415) 947-4297 or have your attorney contact Melanie Shepherdson of the Office of Regional Counsel at (415) 972-3923.

Sincerely,



Claire Trombadore, Assistant Director
Water and Pesticides Branch
Enforcement Division

Enclosure: Attachment 1

cc with Enclosure: Fa'amao Asalele, ASEPA Deputy Director
Fa'afoi Palepua, StarKist Deputy Manager